

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: § Atty. Dkt. No.: 041443-00752
Eva Ackerman and Randy Gene Clark §
Serial No.: 09/764,572 § Group Art Unit: 2831
Filed: January 18, 2001 § Examiner: Patel, Dhirubhai R.
For: A Method of Assisting a §
Compromised Barrier §

NOTICE OF APPEAL

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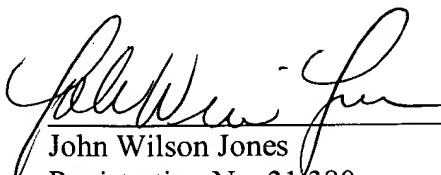
Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated September 22, 2004 in the above-referenced application regarding the rejection of Claims 23-27, 37, 38, and 40.

Applicants believe the fee for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$250.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credits pertaining to this application during the entire pendency of this application to the deposit account of Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP (No. 12-1322 /041443-00752).

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Respectfully submitted,

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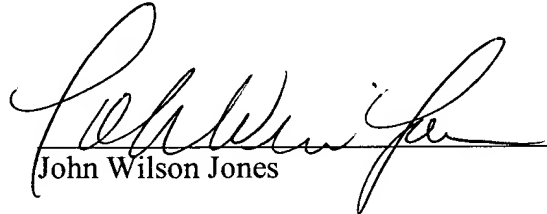

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